



LIGHT THE PATH LIGHT THE FIELD

A Luminaria Walk & Tribute
Honoring the Legacy of
John Beam

A collective walk from the Laney College campus to the football stadium, reflecting the journey Coach Beam walked with generations of students—from learning and mentorship to teamwork and community building—illuminating the path to the field he loved.

December 10, 2025

Laney College
DREAM. FLOURISH. SUCCEED.

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

Portraits of Unity

WELCOME

Dr. Rebecca Opsata
Interim President, Laney College

REFLECTIONS

Louis Quindlen
Board President, Peralta Community College District

Joshua Ramos
Faculty & Head Football Coach, Laney College

Sakai Metcalf
Athletics Specialist, Laney College

Tania Mitchell
Veterans Services Coordinator, Laney College

The Honorable Barbara Lee
Mayor, The City of Oakland

“BEAM OF LIGHT”

Tachetta Henry
Peralta Classified Senate President,
Peralta Community College District

CLOSING REFLECTION & LUMINARIA WALK

Dr. Tammeil Gilkerson
Chancellor, Peralta Community College District

GATHERING ON THE FIELD

Video Tribute